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## HOUSE ARREST

BBMP road work leaves residents unable to take vehicles out

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## SUMMER BLAZE

Forest staff douse fire spread across 10 acres of Turahalli reserve

# Surgical gloves used in labour room, operation theatre caused severe dermatitis, allergic reaction, govt doctors say

# GLOVE AFFAIR

## Gloves supplied by Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited

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According to doctors at the Government General Hospital, Jayanagar, it appears that Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited did not check the quality of surgical gloves supplied to the government hospitals.

Recently, a group of doctors shot off a letter to the medical superintendent of the Government General Hospital, Jayanagar, requesting to change the brand of surgical gloves.

The doctors stated in the letter that the surgical gloves used have caused severe dermatitis and allergic reactions. "We hereby request you to change the brand of surgical gloves that we are using in the labour room and operation theatre currently as it is causing severe dermatitis and allergic reaction. We request you to kindly consider this and do the needful," the doctors stressed in the letter.

According to the letter, the batch number of the surgical gloves (palms) is ARP 320, the manufacturing date is August 2022 and expiry date is July 2027.

"Most of us who did surgeries at the labour room and operation theatre suffered allergic reactions. The authorities did not bother to check the quality of the surgical gloves while procuring them in bulk," said a doctor pleading anonymity.

It is believed that patients would have also suffered allergic reactions when they underwent surgeries at the Government General Hospital. "We stopped using the surgical gloves in question after coming to know of their poor quality. The hospital

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**"I have suffered from an allergic reaction when using those surgical gloves.... We returned those and availed a new brand..."**

— Dr Ramakrishnappa, medical superintendent, Government General Hospital, Jayanagar

# WATER BODY BLOW

## 13 lakes continuously fall under class E as observed in past 4 months; 59 lakes under class D and 41 lakes in class E

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Statistics of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) had shown until January 2023 over 21 lakes had come under Class E category, waters of which can only be used for irrigation and industrial cooling.

However, in March, the number came down from 21 to 13; lake activists said it is a sign of concern that there still are 13 lakes that have continuously come under class E as observed in the past four months.

There are five classes that categorise lake water quality. Class A signifies lake water ready for drinking without any treatment. Class B lake water can be used for outdoor bathing. Water from Class C waterbodies can be used for drinking after conventional treatment followed by disinfection. Class D lake water can be utilised for the propagation of wildlife and fisheries and Class E for irrigation, industrial cooling and controlled waste disposal.

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## 3 THINGS TO DO

### 01 Vessels and more

To create an awareness of the beauty, skill, advantages and medicinal benefits etc of the traditional hand-crafted vessels and to ensure the continuity of the various crafts involved and the well-being of its practitioners, the Crafts Council of Karnataka is hosting an Exhibition "Paatre" (vessels) of old traditional vessels as well as ritual articles, and also sale of handcrafted vessels and utensils. To educate and create greater awareness and interest, the show will also have workshops, talks by experts, and demonstrations by the crafts people using their crafts.
**Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road; When: March 17 - 19, 10:30 am - 8 pm Info: 080 23347299**

### 02 Epic tales

Few stories in the world are as intriguing as the Mahabharata, with its numerous plots and subplots and characters having strengths and flaws in equal measure. 'Stories from the Mahabharata' is an endeavour by Aparna Jaishankar to recreate an interest in this epic. **Where: Lahe Lahe When: March 18, 5-6 pm; Tickets: 9886294444**

### 03 For grandmothers

Karadi Tales, in association with Atta Galatta, is hosting a book launch party. Meet humour columnist and Karadi's newest author Indu Balachandran and celebrated illustrator and comic book artist Priya Kuriyan for an evening of wild stories, unbridled mirth, and lip-smacking food. This party is for all the paatis, ammammas, nanis, thakumas, ajjis who enjoy cooking up stories, for all the children who love their grandmothers, and for anybody seeking a great time.
**Where: Atta Galatta; When: March 17, 6 pm**

# Battling the baby blues

## City docs note rise in cases of post-partum depression post-covid

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**Breast feeding, awareness about postpartum depression, adequate exercise and other activities can help in tacking this issue, say health professionals**

Doctors in Bengaluru are seeing a rise in cases of women with postpartum depression after Covid and they say this increase could be attributed to a heightened awareness about mental health in the last few years.

Post Covid, a large section of people suffered from mental health issues due to isolation and work-from-home scenario. Doctors say that post-partum depression, however uncommon, has become an added burden in the light of post-Covid.

Dr Sunil Eshwar, Lead Consultant, Laparoscopic Surgeon, Aster RV told Bangalore Mirror, "A large number of postpartum cases are underreported but post-Covid, people are more aware of it. Covid itself causes a lot of stress and isolation. Mothers had to be isolated and sometimes the parents were sick. Taking care of children was difficult and increased stress levels. Post-delivery, mothers experience postpartum blues which can lead to depression and postpartum depression depending on the post-delivery care provided to the young mother. Post-Covid, there are a lot of groups that sprouted creating awareness about the subject and women can get timely help."

### What is postpartum depression?

Starting with low mood swings, fatigue and emotional burnout, and sudden mood alternations, recent mothers experience these symptoms right after delivery.

In the next stage of post-partum depression, the patient becomes silent in social circles, crying alone, and neglection the infant. Mothers undergoing postpartum depression might find it difficult to feed the infant.

Dr Parimala V Thirumalesh, Sr Consultant- Neonatology & Paediatrics, Aster CMI Hospital explained that mothers are prone to postpartum depression post-delivery due to hormonal changes.

"Breastfeeding can protect them from this depression by releasing a stress reduction hormone known as oxytocin which will be missed if formula feeding as bonding, skin contact with baby and feeding are some of the stimulants to release this hormone. When mothers are already in depression the baby's crying, and lack of sleep will act like additional stressors worsening their emotional health.," he said.

**Low mood swings, fatigue, emotional burnout, social alienation, these are some of the symptoms of postpartum depression**

He added that recognition of these symptoms early and seeking medical help will benefit both moms and the whole family to tide through this period of depression. Motivating the mothers before delivery regarding the benefits of breastfeeding and good support during this stressful period will go a long way in providing the best nutrition to all babies that are the mother's milk.

Doctors say that awareness is key to combatting the problem. Women need to be made aware of postpartum depression in the antenatal period itself. New mothers should be informed that post-delivery, mothers are more stressed due to lack of sleep schedules and nursing the baby.

Mothers need to be told about early signs of postpartum depression and get help from mental health experts immediately. Doctors also suggest that engaging in various activities like yoga and exercise could also help them.

In certain rare cases, patients might need cognitive behavioural therapy and medication to combat the problem for shorter problems.

People who have a history of depression and other mental health problems are more prone to developing these advanced stages.

# Reservation row brews for local bodies

## 'Cancel reservation in local bodies of other regions for candidates from Kalyana Karnataka'

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The Mysore Kittur and Karavali Karnataka Hitharakshana Samithi on Thursday demanded the state government to cancel the eight per cent reservation in local bodies of other regions, including the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) for the candidates from Kalyana Karnataka region.

"We are not opposing recruitment of candidates for the vacancies in Kalyana Karnataka region. We oppose recruiting candidates from Kalyana Karnataka region for the vacancies in local bodies in other regions of the state," said Mysore Kittur and Karavali Karnataka Hitharakshana Samithi president Dr GN Srikantiah.

Dr Srikantaiah recalled how the then Advocate General of Karnataka Prof Ravivarma Kumar had raised objections to the reservation policy under the Article 371-J. "There will be a lot of problems for the employees in other regions of Karnataka if the candidates from Kalyana Karnataka are recruited for the posts in other areas," he said.

> **"We are not opposing recruitment of candidates for the vacancies in Kalyana Karnataka region**
> – Dr GN Srikantiah, President, Mysore Kittur and Karavali Karnataka Hitharakshana Samithi

Mysore Kittur and Karavali Karnataka Hitharakshana Samithi vice president N Nagaraj said the state government has to stop recruiting people from Kalyana Karnataka for the posts in other regions.

"A candidate recruited under the reservation as per the Article 371-J needs to serve only three years to get promotion while the candidates from other regions have to wait for more than five years to get promotion," said Nagaraj.

He said recruiting candidates from Kalyana Karnataka for the vacant posts in other regions along with other candidates would create problems in future.

"Candidates recruited from the remaining parts of the state have to wait for more years than the candidates from Kalyana Karnataka. For example, a few police inspectors were appointed on the same date but the candidates from Kalyana Karnataka were already promoted as circle police inspectors while the candidates from other regions remain as police inspectors," he said.

Kalyana Karnataka consists of the districts of Raichur, Kalaburagi, Bidar, Yadgir, Bellary, Bagalkot, and Koppal.

# 2 suffer burns in HSR Layout fire, GAIL blames contractor

The fire broke out in 23rd Cross, HSR Layout and spread to a nearby settlement

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A fire broke out due to unauthorised third party damage to the GAIL gas network in 23rd Cross, HSR Layout. GAIL alleged that a local contractor caused the damage and did not inform them about the gas leak. They accused the latter of fleeing the site afterwards.

In a statement, GAIL said, "The fire broke out in a nearby settlement and two people suffered minor burns. The GAIL Gas Quick Response Team (QRT) and fire fighting team extinguished the fire and brought the situation under control. It was also learnt that similar incidents have been reported against the contractor. The conduct of the contractor has been reported to the authorities who have assured strict action."

GAIL urged all citizens and authorities of Bengaluru to immediately advise all contractors to give prior intimation to GAIL Gas before executing any digging work nearby gas pipelines. Such instances can also be reported on their toll free number 1800-102-9282.

"It is also urged to exercise extreme care while digging near the vicinity of a natural gas pipeline," the statement further said.

## Man murders daughter in Kodigehalli

Meanwhile, an incident where a man murdered his daughter recently came to light. The crime took place in Dhanalakshmi Layout. The victim has been identified as 32-year-old Asha, and the accused is Ramesh (60).

Asha, who was married earlier, had separated from her husband and was staying with her father at home. During an argument on Wednesday night, Ramesh hit Asha on the head with a stick and she died on the spot.

A complaint was filed at Kodigehalli Police Station and the accused has been arrested by the police.

# Focus on math kids, not meth

## CCB seizes drugs worth Rs 2.5 crore in city; they were being sold to college students

The seized drugs included marijuana and crystal meth

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The Central Crime Branch recently seized drugs worth Rs 2.5 crore in Bengaluru. 13 people, including four foreign nationals, have been arrested in this case. 25 kg of marijuana and 1 kg of crystal meth was recovered by police from the arrested. It is learned that large quantities of drugs were being sold to students of a prestigious college in the city.

The accused would fix a location online and then go to the spot and supply the drugs. Marijuana was being brought to the city from Andhra Pradesh. Cars had been modified to accommodate and sell the drugs.

"Sometimes, information about drug supply comes from colleges itself. Last year, many foreign nationals were deported on charges of drug trafficking. Action will also be taken against the people who are now under arrest," said Pratap Reddy, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner.

## Body in drum: Two arrested

Police have successfully arrested three people in the case concerning a woman's body being found inside a plastic drum at Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT) railway station. While the police are still looking for five absconding people, they have arrested three - Kamal, Tanveer, and Shakib.

According to railway police, the accused came to the station in an auto and were roaming around the place for about three hours before dumping the body.

"Their faces were clearly visible in the footage," said a railway police official.

Over the course of their inquiry, police learnt that the deceased woman, Tamannaah, was married to a guy named Intikhab. This was her second marriage and she was previously married to Intikhab's cousin Afroz.

According to sources, On March 12, Intikhab's sibling Nawab invited him and the deceased for dinner at a house in Kalasipalya. Later, a fight broke out between them and Nawab asked Intikhab to leave the house.

Later that night, eight people (Nawab, Jamal, Mazhar, Assab, Sabool, Kamal, Tanveer, Shakib) killed Tamannah and dumped her body at the railway station. They worked as labourers in Bengaluru's City Market. Police have laid a trap to arrest the other five.

They have ruled out the possibility of this murder having links to the two dead bodies previously found at the railway station in December and January.

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# Unusual 'house arrest' in Gowdanapalya road

## Road work by BBMP leaves residents in fix, unable to take their vehicles out

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PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

Dug up stretches and neglected debris are a common sight in Gowdanapalya, Padmanabhanagar, residents complain; they also said that the road was previously fine and they did not have any issues

Road work taking place in Gowdanapalya, Padmanabhanagar is troubling residents and pedestrians in the area. Dug up stretches and neglected debris are a common sight in this location. The road, currently under construction, connects Padmanabhanagar main road to 80 Feet main road. This locality is home to many senior citizens, small shops, and several individuals from different walks of life. Citizens claim that the road was in a good condition and abrupt construction has caused them serious inconvenience.

"Previously, the road was perfectly fine and we did not have any complaints about it. This is a concrete cement road and did not require immediate alteration or re-construction. The construction work started around Monday, and ever since, the roads have been left unattended. We are forced to park our vehicles miles away from our residence without any safety," said Suman, a civil engineer.

While most residents in the area are unaware of the actual purpose behind the roadwork, the owners of small shops located in this locality endure the brunt of it. Venkatesh, the owner of Seethi Bhairaveshwara Chicken Center, said, "This initiative has been unfavourable for my business. People have refrained from visiting my shop because we are located at the centre of the locality. The pavement dug up right in front of my shop has directly impacted my business." On enquiring about the road work, the workers could not provide proper information. Venkatesh added that he has witnessed several accidents due to the condition of the road. The authorities had reportedly failed to inform residents of the intended plan before it began. The lack of prior notice, proper planning, and effective communication from them have left locals in a fix.

> **"The work started around Monday, and ever since, the roads have been left unattended. We are forced to park our cars far from our homes** – Suman, resident

"There were no potholes prior to this and we did not face any problem. I have a bed-ridden wife who needs to be taken to the hospital for regular check-ups. We are delaying her treatment because we can neither commute to the hospital nor can the ambulance come to this area," said a senior citizen in the area.

Ramesh Maiya, another elderly resident, said, "The road construction has caused several problems for us. We are unable to take our car out from the garage. About three years ago, the road was dug-up to install sanitary pipes, and after that was over the road had been in a proper state. We are clueless about the reason for this. The pace of work is also far too slow."

A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official said that road work commenced on March 13. They cited 'poor condition' of the road as the reason for re-construction.

They added that the work would conclude within 30 days.

# 'Road work entails prior notice'

## Commuters using Outer Ring Road are being inconvenienced by authorities digging up road

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Citizens using Outer Ring Road (ORR) are upset about authorities digging up the road to complete work. They say that they are now left with very little space to walk or navigate their vehicles through the road.

Sumit Nair, a commuter, told Bangalore Mirror, "It has become very difficult to use this road for commuting. The space provided is very less and it is quite dangerous to take a car through here. This work started at midnight and this is the condition now. It is a busy road and many office going people use this stretch to reach their workplace. Despite that, this is the situation here."

Some commuters agreed that authorities concerned should have started work on the weekend. Aradhana Sharma, one of them, said, "If they wanted to do any work on the road that required digging, they should have done it on a weekend. On those days the road remains empty as offices are shut. Moreover, they should have given prior notice to citizens before starting major work so that we could have been prepared with alternate routes. We are facing a lot of inconvenience that could have been avoided."

Many people in the area said proper information regarding the construction work should be displayed. A commuter who wanted to remain anonymous told BM that it is important for contractors to start displaying information about their ongoing projects. "They should mention the project details, the time it will take to complete, and they must provide a contact number for an official. Needless to say, they also need to give prior notice to the people," they added.

Additionally, bus drivers reportedly park their vehicles on the road quite often, making it tough for people to pass through.

Amit Kumar, also a commuter, said, "The space to commute has already been reduced because of the digging. On top of that, bus drivers are taking up whatever free space there is by parking their vehicles. It has become impossible to commute through this road. We have no clue about when this work will get completed and for how long we will have to endure this."

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official responsible for the area was unavailable for comment.

Citizens say that the space for them to commute has reduced greatly due to the road work by BBMP in Outer Ring Road

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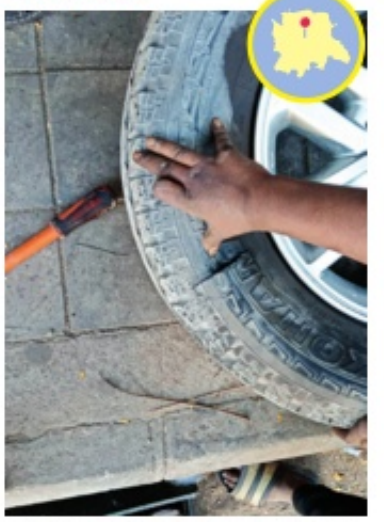
**Davis Road**



The drain on Davis Road, Richards Town is not level. BBMP has not taken any action yet.

### Encroached pavement
**Nehru Road**

The footpath in Nehru main road is completely encroached.

### Blockade?
**Basaveshwara Nagar**

Vendors are taking up space near Basaveshwara Nagar post office.

# We've got tobacco addiction under control

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During the inaugural partnership for healthy cities summit in London, held on Wednesday, Bengaluru became one of the five global cities to win an award for prevention of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). The city was recognised by the World Health Organisation for its efforts to control tobacco use. Other cities that were honoured included Montevideo, Mexico City, Athens, and Vancouver.

According to WHO, NCDs cause 74 per cent of global deaths and it is important to bring forth measures to tackle them. Founded in 2017, the partnership for healthy cities is a global network of 70 cities working together to prevent NCDs. Bengaluru was one of the 70 chosen cities.

All five cities, including Bengaluru, received an award of $1,500,00.

Dr Vishal Rao, member, NCD task force, Government of Karnataka, said, "For Bengaluru to have achieved this award is great for us. As Karnataka is one of the largest tobacco growers, bringing in policies for its control is an accomplishment by itself. We brought in various changes in the city and released government orders to ban cigarette smoking in public places and ban stores that sell cigarettes near schools and colleges. Further orders were passed to the hotels and bar associations to comply with smoke-free laws." This apart, guidelines were put in place for the regulation of hookah parlours under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA). BBMP and police worked on creating smoke-free areas together.

An anti-smoking protest in B'luru

Upon receiving the award, Dr Thrilok Chandra, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Health Commissioner, said, "We have been carrying out various initiatives with respect to the smoking ban and even on controlling hookah. We take samples from hookah parlours to ensure that no other substance is used in it. We will continue to carry out more such work in the future."

The summit brought together various officials from different cities to discuss urgent public health concerns and practices that can save lives in urban areas.

# Dreading that jam en route to Whitefield?

## ... not anymore as Metro to ply from KR Puram to Whitefield

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**"We hope the BMTC provides feeder services from the Metro stations to the companies where we work**

–Madhava B, a regular commuter to Whitefield

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited is all set to launch Metro operations from KR Puram to Whitefield, a move that could significantly make the commute easier for those travelling to the IT hub for work.

Initially, one may have to wait for at least 10 to 11 minutes for a train due to non-connectivity to Baiyappanahalli However, Metro officials say that once the Baiyappanahalli connectivity is ensured, then the frequency of the train may be brought to five minutes for each train.

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez told the media, "Currently, the Metro operations will be between KR Puram and Whitefield. We expect the train frequency to be in the range of 10 to 11 minutes. The trains may take one or two minutes extra as it requires extra time for changing tracks as the trains terminate at KR Puram itself. However, we hope that once the 2.1-km of Baiyappanahalli stretch is connected by Metro, the trains may run at a frequency of five minutes though the exact frequency depends on the passenger load."

Meanwhile, Metro officials say that they are waiting for a green signal from the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS). Once started, this train will be a boon for thousands of commuters who travel to Whitefield for work. Parwez added, "The 13.71-km length of KR Puram-Whitefield Metro line has 11 stations. So far, the work has been completed and we have sought permission from CMRS to begin operations. In fact, the trial runs were completed way back in February itself." However, commuters have to wait till June or July this year for boarding Metro trains to Whitefield from other Metro corridors as currently, Metro trains will reach Whitefield only from KR Puram.

"As most companies have begun the process of return to office, the Metro network will be a boon for Whitefield travellers. We expect a good number of patrons as this network will provide relief from traffic jams in and around the ORR and Whitefield area. However, we will enjoy the fruits of the Metro network only with the complete connectivity with Baiyappanahalli. I think now the State government should seriously consider executing the Metro network on Old Airport Road, Marathahalli and connecting it with the Whitefield Metro as it will help the commuters from other parts of the city to hop on mass transport. We hope the BMTC will provide feeder services till KR Puram Metro station and then from Whitefield Metro stations to nearby companies," said Madhava B, who travels to and from Whitefield for work.

Once completed, the Pink Line will get an extension from Baiyappanahalli and 13 stations on 15.5 kilometres of extended stretch including Bennigahalli, KR Puram, Mahadevapura, Garudacharpalya, Hoodi junction Seetharampalya, Nallurahalli, Satya Sai Hospital, Pattandur Agrahara, Kadugodi, Channasandra and Whitefield.

Sources said that the metro network may be inaugurated by this month-end as Karnataka is going to polls. There are talks that PM Modi may be invited to flag off the stretch. As the poll dates are likely to be announced in a week or two, many expect the poll code of conduct to be in place by month and then no inauguration or big projects can be announced.

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# Flame of the forest leaves Turahalli in a orange daze

## Residents of area rattled by massive fire that claimed 10 acres of forest reserve

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For the second time in a week, a big fire erupted in the Turahalli forest reserve area on Wednesday evening. According to the officials from the Karnataka Forest Department, the preliminary report by the ground staff has clarified that the fire has gutted around 10 acres of the forest reserve.

"It was spread over 10 acres of the reserve area. However, forest staff could douse it in three to four hours and prevent further damage. While I have asked the ACF to prepare a report and submit it, most fire incidents are man-made and started off by miscreants. The area is open to the public and thus it is difficult to keep an eye on everyone entering. Moreover, considering this to be a hot and windy season, such incidents are expected," said Chakrapani Y, DCF, Bengaluru urban.

The blaze at Turahalli forest was doused in 3-4 hours

While it was doused within a few hours, the locals say they are shaken as it was a massive fire, not seen over the last ten years or so. Moreover, the impact on the wildlife population inside the forest is a matter of concern.

"I have been living in this area since 2013 and have never witnessed such a massive fire. We are also worried about the peacock population as the reserve has a sizable number of these birds. In absence of any mechanism to monitor the impact of fire on the peacock population or other wildlife in the reserve, it is a wait-and-watch game," said a resident of the area.

Locals say the fencing around the reserve is damaged at multiple places, leading to unauthorised access and encroachments.

"Turahalli is a vast expanse and the area that was lit on Wednesday is sandwiched between two human habitations. The forest department must repair the fencing around it as it has been tampered with at multiple places. The department must bring technological advancements to track unauthorised access. It is a reserve forest and proactive measures must be taken to safeguard it," said Randhish, another resident.

### Are we not ready to douse a big fire?

Some also raised concerns regarding the lack of up-to-date forest fire surveillance technology and training of forest department staff in fighting and controlling big fires. Karnataka Forest Department is currently using 'detection software' and high-resolution satellite imagery to detect forest fires.

"The department should look at deploying thermal and optical sensor drones to spot fire incidents during the night time or in areas difficult to access. While such technologies are available in a couple of divisions, the Bengaluru division is devoid of them. Moreover, the department should also look at training the forest staff to bring the big fire under control," said Vijay Nishant, founder, Project Vruksha.

> **"The department should look at deploying thermal and optical sensor drones to spot fire incidents at night**
> –Vijay Nishant, Project Vruksha

However, when BM reached out to the forest department official raising this issue, he said, "We get alerts through the satellite technology which serves the purpose. While thermal sensors and aerial fire dousing technology might come in handy, we are managing well with the existing technologies."

# Cracks in Sankey Tank's calm facade

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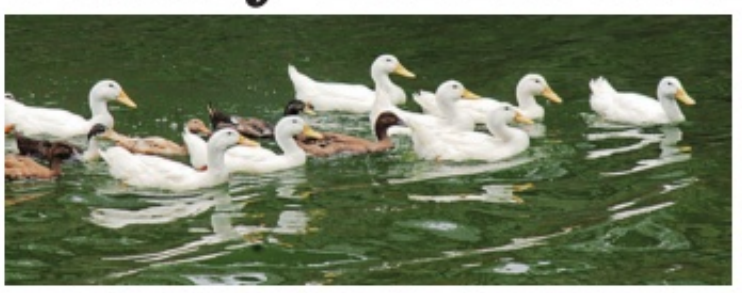
Walkers at the famed Sankey Tank have raised concerns over dead fish found in the garbage accumulated in the lake. Kiran Kamath, a member of the Sankey Yoga Centre, came across this shocking sight during a walk on Thursday.

"I noticed a dead fish in the garbage in the lake. It could be because of the toxicity of the water or chemicals in it," Kamath told Bangalore Mirror. He urged the authorities to take necessary measures to improve the quality of the lake.



Going by the experiences of other regular visitors, this is just one of the problems at Sankey Tank.

Sarvothama, who visits often, added, "While the development of the Sankey Tank park is commendable, the toilets established in the premises of the park are in a poor condition. The toilets reek and are unusable."

Narasimha Murthy, a retired civil engineer, pointed out the dangers of having a protruding powerline in the middle of the walking path. "Most of the water sprinklers planted for irrigation purposes are either broken or sprinkle water on the passersby disturbing their peaceful evening. The number of benches is too few, so senior citizens cannot rest at their convenience," he said.

Prasad, a pedestrian, complained about the lack of sufficient street lights that makes it difficult for them to navigate in the dark. "The dust generated from the construction process is affecting the health of the visitors. There is unattended and broken equipment in the playground that can be dangerous to kids."

He added that the never-ending construction taking place on the premises is disturbing peace at the park.

An official overseeing Sankey Tank told BM that change of weather could be the reason for the fish death. "Excess heat could have caused the death. The authorities have taken preventive measures to prevent sewage from entering the lake." He suggested that the establishment of a fountain in the lake can increase the oxygen level of the lake.

IN BRIEF

## Public notice will be issued in newspapers on graveyards: Govt to HC

Public notices will be issued in newspapers seeking information on villages that do not have graveyards, the State Government on Thursday informed the High Court.

The Division Bench of Justice B Veerappa and Justice T Venkatesh Naik was hearing a contempt petition accusing the government of not following an earlier High Court order directing providing land for graveyards in all villages in the State.

The Court adjourned the hearing by three weeks after recording the submission of the government.

Mohammed Iqbal had filed a petition seeking a burial ground for his village. The High Court in its order in 2019 had directed the State to provide land for burial grounds in all villages in the State within six weeks. Iqbal filed a contempt petition two years later after the government failed to follow the orders.

In January, the government submitted that of the 29,616 villages in the State, 27,903 were already provided with land for burial grounds. However, the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) which had been directed by the State to verify the claims found that many more villages did not have burial grounds.

On Thursday, the Court also directed the KSLSA to seek information from its district and taluk units on the availability of burial grounds in their respective jurisdictions.

> **We are only doing drama for 75 years. Please provide basic requirements to people: Court to State**

Addressing the State, the Court said that burial grounds were basic necessities of the people just like roads and water.

"This is your duty and Constitutional mandate. But why are you not doing it? We are doing only drama for 75 years. Please provide basic requirements to the people," the Court said.

The Court said that providing land for the burial grounds in villages should be practically implemented and should not just remain on paper. **PTI**

# There's nothing fishy about this

**Karnataka is second highest fish consuming state in southern India**

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Karnataka is one of the top states in the country for fish consumption (second highest in south India). In fact, the per capita consumption of fish in Karnataka is way higher than the national average. According to the latest data provided by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, 11.66 kg is the per capita consumption of fish in Karnataka (it is 6.46 kg in India). Lakshadweep holds the first place with a per capita consumption of 105.6 kg. The lowest fish consumption is in Haryana (0.27 kg).

Kerala bagged the first place in south India (19.59 kg per capita), followed by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu (9.6 kg), Telangana (9.85 kg), and Andhra Pradesh (8.07 kg).

Interestingly, Karnataka has one of the lowest number of fisheries despite its vast coastal area (313.02 km). In 2019-20, the state produced 6.32 lakh tonnes of fish, while the highest in the country was from Andhra Pradesh at 41.74 lakh tonnes (it has a coastal expanse of 1,027.58 km).

There have been concerns raised by fishermen and experts about increasing fish mortality.

The union government said that it was ecological degradation that was resulting in deterioration of water quality and having an impact on the health of fish. However, no specific information has been received on the same.

There will be a 61-day ban on fishing in India (April 15-June 14 in the east coast; June 1-July 31 in the west coast). However, traditional, non-motorised fishing vessels are exempted from this ban imposed in the Indian exclusive economic zone (EEZ) beyond territorial waters.

> **"There are various measures taken like bans on capturing juvenile fish and destructive fishing practices**
>
> — Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries

Union Minister for Fisheries, Parshottam Rupala, said, "There are various measures taken up like prevention of juvenile fishing and a complete ban on destructive fishing practices. The paired bottom trawling or bull trawling is an ecologically destructive practice as it damages the fish habitat and nets the juvenile fish and such other non-targeted species. This practice has been banned in the EEZ."

The Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, L Murugan, said that his ministry had issued an advisory to state governments to include fish and shrimp in the list of exempted commodities during the lockdown.

## Govt raises salary of ESCOM employees

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday said the government has decided to hike the salaries of employees of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) and the Electricity Supply Companies (ESCOMs) in the state by 20 per cent.

He also said the employees of transport corporations will get a raise of 15 per cent in their salaries.

The decision, which comes weeks before assembly elections are to be announced, was made after several rounds of talks between the government and employees of KPTCL and ESCOMs, and transport corporations on the demand for wage revision.

"KPTCL and ESCOM employees had demanded wage revision. Our minister (Energy Minister V Sunil Kumar) and employees had discussions for two to three days, following which we came to a decision. I have agreed for 20 per cent wage revision and orders will be issued in this regard," Bommai said.

**ESCOM employees will receive a 20% hike; the salaries of transport department employees will be hiked by 15%**

Speaking to reporters, he said: "Transport department employees have also been demanding a wage hike, stating that it has not happened for the last couple of years. After two to three rounds of discussion with Transport Minister B Sriramulu and officers, I have decided to revise their pay making a 15 per cent increase. Orders will be issued on this too."

According to officials, the hike in salaries will come into effect from April 1.

Employees of KPTCL and ESCOMs had withdrawn the protest call for Thursday following a discussion with the Chief Minister on Wednesday night.

The Joint Action Committee of RTC (Road Transport Corporations) Trade Unions had earlier called an indefinite strike from March 21, demanding an increase in wages along with other demands.

Assembly elections in Karnataka are due by May. —PTI

## Curb Covid spread: Centre

The Centre on Thursday asked six states, including Karnataka, to follow a risk assessment-based approach to prevent and contain the spread of covid, citing a possible localised spread of the virus.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan advised states to ensure compliance with various advisories issued by the Ministry of Health. He said that since the past few weeks, a rise in cases has been observed in certain parts of the country. 2,082 infections were reported in the week ending March 8 and the figure rose to 3,264 in the week ending March 15. Karnataka reported an increase in weekly cases from 493 to 604 during the period. Meanwhile, 77 people tested positive in the state on Thursday (40 in Bengaluru). A 68-year old from Kalaburagi died.

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# Lake water report

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There are over 106 Bengaluru lakes where KSPCB carries out water quality sample tests every month. Lake water is far from qualifying for class A, B and C as the quality is quite bad. As of February 2023 statistics, over 59 lakes are under class D category and 41 lakes in category E.

From November 2022 to February 2023, 13 lakes have continuously fallen under class E category water quality which is best used for industrial cooling and irrigation. The 13 lakes are Singasandra, Parappana Agrahara, Haralur, Kaikondrahalli, Rampura, Vibhutipura, Kammasandra, Rayasandra, Gangondanahalli, Machohalli, Jakkur, Singapura and Shivapura.

"Four months is a long period for the lakes to continuously fall under Category E. Like KSPCB is doing its bit by carrying out water quality analysis every month, the BBMP should constantly check out the reports to find where and how lakes are getting polluted affecting the water quality. Soon after, the civic body must closely check the lakes and stop the pollutants from entering. During rains, officials stated that along with rain water, sewage enters the lake. However now during the dry days it should be stopped. Dissolved oxygen levels, biochemicals, and coliform bacteria content are important parameters that need to be looked at as well," lake activist Raghvendra Pacchapur said.

Citizens revealed Basavanapura Lake was recently rejuvenated by the BBMP — they said, however, in no time the lake was in bad shape and stinking.

"While the KSPCB provides water quality reports in terms of class category, it does not reveal other parameters. Many other states give a complete report where there is greater transparency," he said.

A senior BBMP official from the lakes department team said while KSPCB is checking the water quality, the BBMP is continuously monitoring the lakes: "We are working on sewage diversion channels of the Bengaluru lakes to avoid the entry of sewage into the waterbodies. Furthermore, the BBMP has installed 11 STPs (sewage treatment plants) in some of the lakes. KSPCB officials can give us some suggestions on the measures that can improve the water quality," the official added.

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# Hands in poor gloves

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has provided surgical gloves until the Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited begins supplying new surgical gloves," said a doctor.

Akhila Vasan of Karnataka Janarogya Chaluvali criticised the Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited for its negligence in checking the quality of surgical gloves. Vasan said that she was shocked to know the supply of sub-standard surgical gloves to the Government General Hospital, Jayanagar.

"I expect the Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited to have a robust system to check the quality of products supplied by various private companies. The authorities have to probe who supplied such sub-standard surgical gloves and why the Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited did not check the quality," said Vasan.

Blaming the prevailing commission menace for the supply of sub-standard surgical gloves, Dr Sylvia Karpagam said she was not shocked to know supply of sub-standard surgical gloves as supplying substandard medicines has become a routine.

Government General Hospital, Jayanagar, medical superintendent Dr Ramakrishnappa confirmed to BM the allergic reaction when using those surgical gloves. "I have also suffered from an allergic reaction when using those surgical gloves. It is true that doctors wrote a letter to me requesting a change of the brand of surgical gloves. We returned those surgical gloves and availed a new brand of surgical gloves," said Dr Ramakrishnappa.

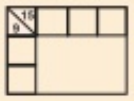
Meanwhile, state health and family welfare commissioner Randeep D said he has checked with the medical superintendent of the Government General Hospital, Jayanagar. "That batch supplied by Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited was not of standard quality; it has now been replaced. So there is no issue now," Randeep said.

## SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

What is the value of 125% of 25% of 80?

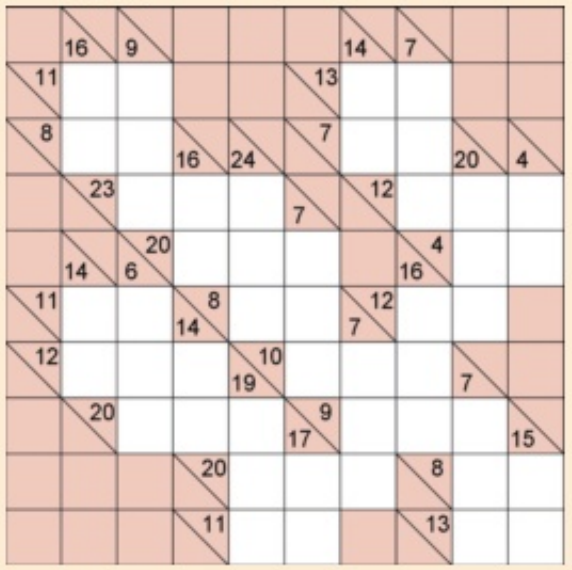
## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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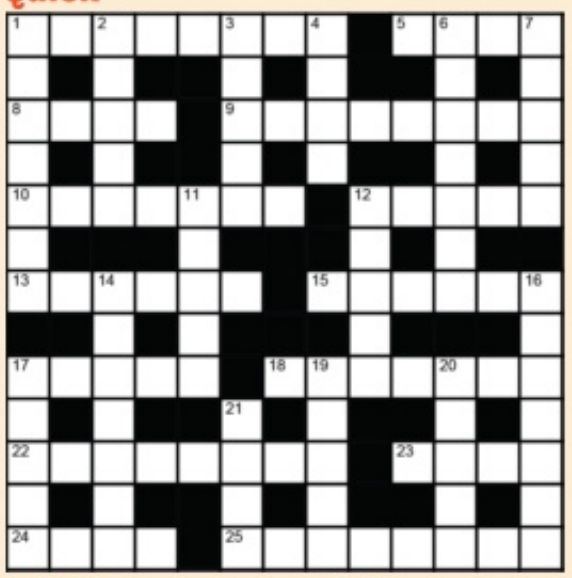


**ACROSS**

1 12th month of the year (8)
5 Freudian terms (4)
8 Shapeless mass (4)
9 Devious (8)
10 In an affectionate manner (7)
12 Former Pacific alliance (5)
13 Incompetent person (6)
15 The State Archaeological ____ is located in Cubbon Park (6)
17 Pub game (5)
18 F1 team (7)
22 The Karate sticks? (8)
23 Commotion (4)
24 Saw (4)
25 Unit of computer storage (8)

**DOWN**

1 Degraded (7)
2 Selected, opted for (5)
3 Flat-fish (5)
4 Communists, colloquially speaking (4)
6 Hand-thrown bomb (7)
7 Brief fight (3-2)
11 Sources of timber (5)
12 Light oar for one hand (5)
14 On this occasion only (3,4)
16 Opening that can lead to a sewer (7)
17 Move to music (5)
19 ___ to : adhered closely to? (5)
20 Spacious (5)
21 Not too hot (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: G EQUALS N**

Y DQGQWYJVBG ESVIS VDG-BWQA SVAJBWU SYA GB LYAJ YGM GB XPJPWQ.

## Linemaro

Wow, you look like a super model!

## Mindchow

Insults should be written in sand and praises carved in stone

## Joke of the day

To all those who received a book from me as a Christmas present...they are due back at the library today

## Loop

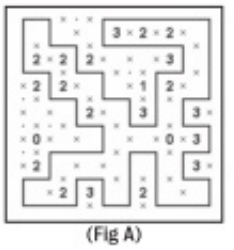
**Rules**

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

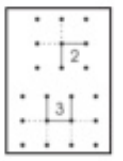
**How to begin:**

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

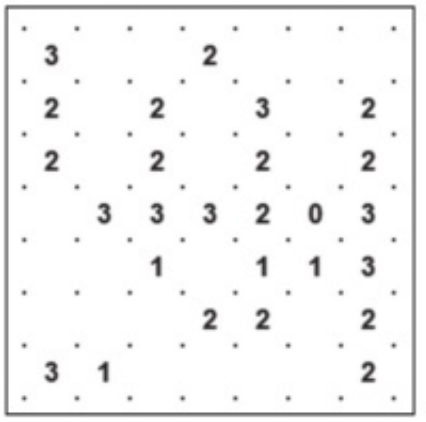
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



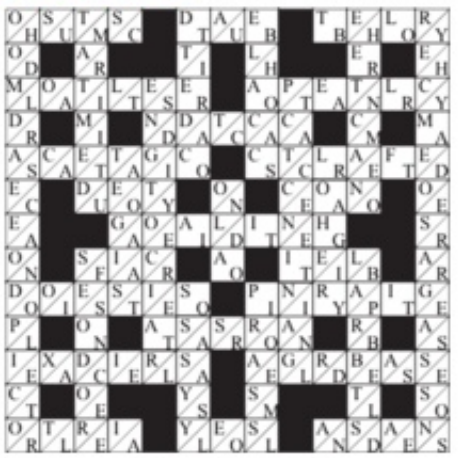
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



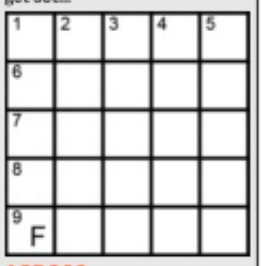
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



**ACROSS**

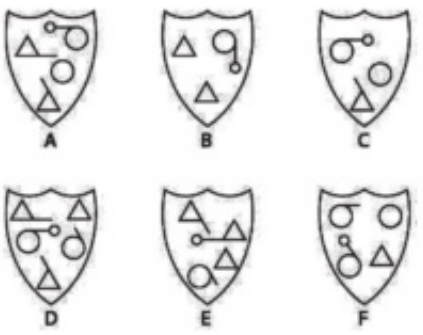
1 Map as; 6 Peats; 7 Pions; 8 A slop; 9 If Hat

**DOWN**

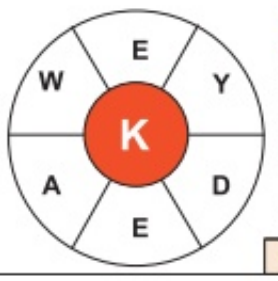
1 So fop; 2 Pa pap; 3 A is as; 4 Tilts; 5 NHS me

## Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



## Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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| 6 | 1 | | | 5 | | | 8 | 4 |
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| 1 | 6 | | 9 | | 4 | | 2 | 5 |
| | | | 6 | | 3 | | | |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 13
2 2 4 9

Medium = 38
4 5 6 9

Hard = 5
1 3 6 2

## Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

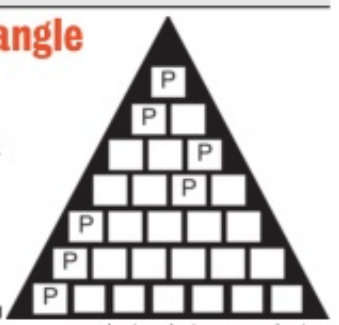
**Differences:** 1. Mitten is missing. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Earmuffs are different. 4. Bottom of golf bag is different. 5. Cloud is higher. 6. Golf bag strap is missing.

## Riddler

Rulership may grant this mark Or being lowly as a worm. Often measured though not metered In your yard my number's firm. What is it?

## Alpha triangle

1 Parking sign
2 Dad
3 Sugar source
4 Chats
5 Malay sailing boat
6 Cleric
7 Excuses



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

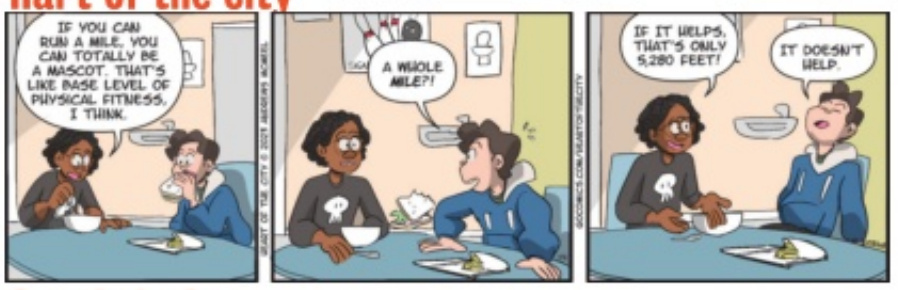
## Redeye by Mel Casson

I DON'T SEE HOW YOU GET YOUR MEN TO CHARGE INTO BATTLE THE WAY YOU DO
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT!
12-29
GET OUT THERE AND FIGHT!
YOU JUST SHAKE WELL BEFORE USING

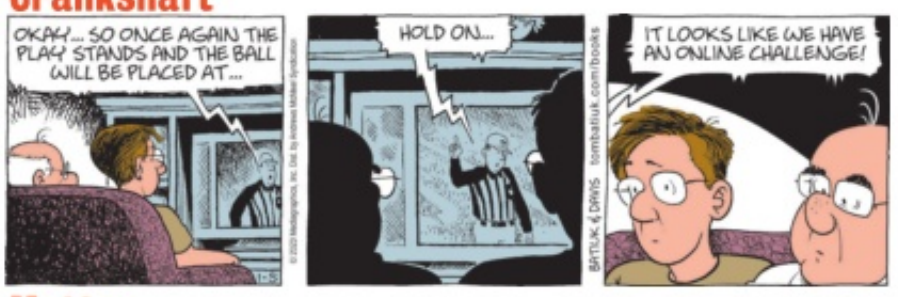
## Bizarrotrip

## Diamond Lil

## Hart of the city


IF YOU CAN RUN A MILE, YOU CAN TOTALLY BE A MASCOT. THAT'S LIKE BASE LEVEL OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, I THINK.
A WHOLE MILE?!
IF IT HELPS, THAT'S ONLY 5,280 FEET!
IT DOESN'T HELP.

## Crankshaft




## Mutts

# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today your spiritual power can make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spiritualism today. You may plan to visit some spiritual place. You may also take an interest in occult sciences. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself and who may understand your frequency.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel nervous. You have a lack of patience. For seeking peace, you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also get deep knowledge on a subject or you may have good focus on your research.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today your moon is placed in a good position. You may expect some positive momentum in your professional and domestic life. There are likely to be gains in terms of your investments. You may get reciprocation of your help from your friends and relatives. Your hard work may pay you off in terms of success.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may do well. Your kids' health is better now. You can plan to invest in their future. You are likely to be more loyal towards your job. Job seekers may find a good job with the help of reference. You may be able to find your hidden enemies, and with the help of blessings, you may confront them.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may hear good news in terms of work. Job seekers may be focused on cracking entrance exams with the help of hard work. Singles may get engaged to their soulmate. You may also hear some good news in terms of childbirth.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may plan for a change in place. However, it is advised to postpone any decision related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investment in business. By late evening, situations may be under control. With the help of good advice from one of your elders, you may control a messy situation.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you can expect some short business trips. You may also expect to get some rewards for success in your domain. Your respect around you may be increased. You may hear some good news from siblings. Job seekers seeking management jobs may get success. Singles are likely to get engaged.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by your elders. New sources of income are likely to be opened up, which will boost your bank balance. You may plan to renovate your house. You may get a big order, which can grow your family business multiple times. You need to keep patience while signing any contract. There may be some movement into your business and delayed projects will start again.

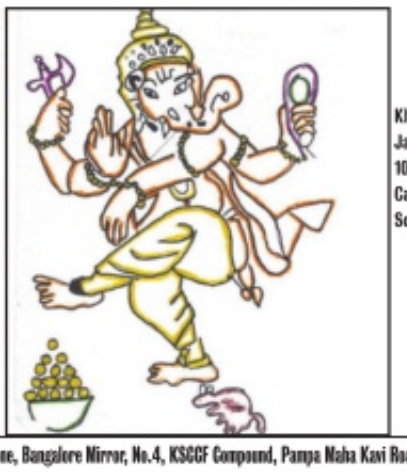
**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is a good day for you. You may have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work. You must avoid straightness. It is advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics, otherwise there may be some disputes in the family. If you are able to control your tongue, you can expect healthy partnerships in business and harmony in your family.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today your vital power may slow down and old disease may reappear, which can make you upset. You are advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. You are advised to avoid any type of ligation. You may settle it out of the jury. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may get profits for your past investments. Your losses may convert to profits. Implementation of new ideas may bring progress in business. Today you may get success easily. You are likely to meet an influential person who will show you the right path to get success. Lovebirds may take some decisions in terms of marriage. Couples will hear good news in terms of children. Job seekers will get suitable work.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today your family and spouse will support you. It will increase domestic harmony. Due to overload at the work, you may not give proper time to your family. You may reach a social event late. You are expected to see a strong position on your professional front. Projects related to government agencies are likely to initiate now.

## KIDZONE



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# SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
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**BULL'S EYE**
eked, keyed, weak, week, WEEKDAY

**STRIKE OUT**

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
E: the only one where circle is attached to a triangle.

**SUDOKU**

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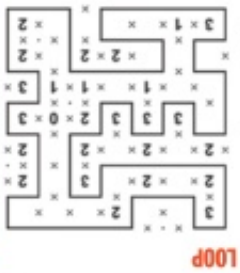
**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
P, Pa, Sap, Raps, Praas, Parson, Parsons.

**LOOP**



**KAKURO**

**FAST FIVE**

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**RIDDLER**
Inch

**QUOTE UNCODE**
A generation which ignores history has no past and no future.

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
2 − 2 + 4 + 9 = 13
Medium
4 × 6 + 5 + 9 = 38
Hard
6 + 2 − 3 / 1 = 5

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**# Zendaya's stylist retires**

Zendaya's stylist Law Roach announces retirement; says he will always have "love" for the actor . He said politics and lies in the fashion industry are reason for his decision

# Lights, action

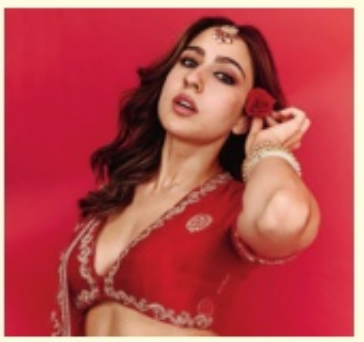
## Prep on for intense action scenes in Hrithik, Deepika-starrer

Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone are set to collaborate for the first time for 'Fighter'. All eyes are more on this film after the success of 'Pathaan' since it's directed by Siddharth Anand. Recently, the team has finished the Kashmir schedule of the film and now as per a report, the cast and crew is prepping for some intense sequences to be shot in Mumbai in the coming days.

The actors are gearing up for some pivotal scenes which will be shot in a schedule, set to begin from March 19, as per a report in Pinkvilla. This schedule will go on till April 30 and it includes many days of prep too since, these are some intense sequences. The actors are going to shoot at some real locations in Mumbai. Talat Aziz plays Hrithik's father in the film and some emotional father-son scenes are also going to be shot in this Mumbai schedule of the film.

Meanwhile, April will be heavy on action and hence requires prep work. Recently, Siddharth said in an interview that Deepika's character is giving a 'takkar' to Hrithik's character in the film. Hence, the actress is also expected to pull off some hardcore never-seen-before action. 'Fighter' which is touted as India's first aerial action franchise also stars Anil Kapoor in a key role apart from Karan Singh Grover and Akshay Oberoi. —ETimes

# Desi girl



Actor Sara Ali Khan, who is currently in vacation mode ditched her swanky car and enjoyed an auto ride in Punjab.

Taking to Instagram on Thursday Sara shared a video on her stories in which she could be seen sitting inside an auto-rickshaw.

In the video, Sara asked the auto driver, " Kahan Ja rahein hain ji? (Where are we heading to?) to which the driver replied, "Punjab jaa rahein hain ji Punjab," to which the 'Love Aaj Kal' actor said "Punjab mein to hain (We are in Punjab)."

In another video which she posted on her stories, Sara could be seen enjoying dhaba food in Chandigarh.

"Parantha, Dahi..Yummy! Missi roti, paneer it's a blast," Sara said in the video.

The 'Atrangi Re' actor is an avid social media user and she frequently shares her videos and photos on social media which get viral. Meanwhile, on the work front, Sara is all set to come up with a film titled 'Gaslight'. Helmed by Pavan Kirpalani, 'Gaslight' also stars Vikrant Massey and Chitrangda Singh in the lead roles. The film will stream exclusively on the OTT platform from March 31. — ETimes

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**Baby talk**
From John Abraham to Miley Cyrus -- find out what these stars think about having children (or not).

# Grounded alright

Recently, in an interview, veteran actress Ratna Pathak Shah took a jibe at the younger actors who are considered superstars. She commented that they are so dependent on their entourage that they can't even hold a coffee cup by themselves. The actress further added that because of this, stars aren't able to remain grounded and that also affects their work, in an interview with Film Companion.

Actress Bhumi Pednekar has reacted to her statement, in an interview with the same portal. She said that everyone's views are respected but she feels that with every generation, it's up to them as to how they want to stay connected to their craft or how they want to stay grounded. It differs as per everyone's individual choices. Bhumi added that she could be sitting on a chair in the middle of her set and still not speak to anyone or she could be in her van which she uses to get ready. It's about how disconnected one is, from the outside world.

Bhumi who is promoting her film 'Bheed' at the moment, with Rajkummar Rao said that actors today are very fortunate that they have the kind of space now which may be people of the earlier generations didn't get. She called her vanity van her 'secure space'. At the end of the day, it's all about creating a democratic environment which keeps one grounded, shared Bhumi. — ETimes

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### Twinkle Twinkle

Ramesh Aravind is known for handling any type of assignment with aplomb. His latest assignment sees him shake a leg with the young and energetic Sangeetha Sringeri for a song – Twinkle Twinkle Yaako Nanna Star Bandilla in the film Shivaji Surathkal 2. The team of Shivaji Surathkal showered praises on them. The song was released at SRV Theater, Malleswaram on Wednesday.

"This is the first time I am appearing in an item number. I felt nervous about dancing with senior artiste Ramesh Aravind sir but was comfortable on the sets because of his humility and gregariousness. I am thankful to the choreographer and the costume designer," said Sangeetha. Ramesh Aravind recalled that his family had watched Shivaji Surathkal at the same theater as Rahul Dravid's family. Director Akash Srivatsa said the movie has five songs. "Judah Sandy has scored music. I learnt a lot from Judah...' said Akash.

### Title check

Director Hayavadana has finally selected a title for his second movie. He has finalised on Rujuvara Shri Vadirajaru. The film is based on the life of Vadiraja Tirtha, a philosopher, poet, traveler and mystic of 16th century.

"I have nourished an ambition of making a movie on Vadiraja Tirtha since a long time. I hail from Bagalkot and began my career as a director for tele serials. My maiden film Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane is in progress," said Hayavadana.

Hayavadana has handled the megaphone for Kannada tele serials including Shubha Mangala, Agni Sakshi, Nagini, and Kamli.

The director said the research and script for Rjuvara Shri Vadirajaru is in progress and the selection of actors will begin shortly. He said that he has been busy with shooting of Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane. "Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane is an emotional journey. The script demands the locations in Maharashtra, Delhi, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bengaluru, Bijapur and other areas in North Karnataka," the director said.